



Partnership Application

We are so thrilled you are pursuing a deeper commitment to Smithtown Gospel Tabernacle by considering Partnership is an important step reflecting a genuine meshing of your heart together with the beliefs, vision and values of our church. This application is a tool to help you and us discern if Partnership is a good next step for you. Please fill it out prayerfully and thoughtfully, and return it to the church office in the attached envelope. We look forward to getting to know you better!

Personal Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip _____

Phone (home) _____

(cell) _____

(email) _____

Birthdate ___/___/___ Gender: Male Female

Education Completed

High School College Masters Doctorate

Employment

Full Time Part Time

Company Name _____

Job Position _____

Student Full Time Part Time

I have the following skills _____

Current Marital Status

Married Single Engaged Widowed

Separated Divorced

Name of Spouse _____

Birthdate of Spouse ___/___/___ Years Married _____

Is your spouse a Christian? _____

Have you been divorced? _____

Children

Name _____ Birthdate ___/___/___

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Do your children live with you? _____

Attendance at SGT

How long have you been attending SGT? _____

Does your spouse attend SGT? _____

Do your children attend SGT? _____

What SGT ministries are you currently involved in?

Your Personal Spiritual Journey

How long have you known Christ as your personal Savior? _____

Describe your conversion experience and your present relationship with the Lord:

Previous Church Involvement

If you were active in any churches in the past, please complete the following:

Name of most recent Church _____

Address _____

Were you a member? _____

Years involved _____

Area(s) of service _____

Position(s) held _____

Personal Reference

List the name, address, and phone number of a person at SGT who can serve as a reference for you:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____

Pastoral/Leadership Reference

(A current Associate Pastor or Ministry Leader at SGT)

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____

Pastor's or Leader's Signature

For Office Use Only:
Date attending Catch The Vision: _____
Date received into Partnership: _____

Doctrinal Affirmations

The “Born Again” Experience

In John 3:3, Jesus clearly states that no one can see the Kingdom of God unless he or she is “born again.” This is made possible when we hear the Word of God and are drawn by the Spirit of God to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and made active when we confess the Lordship of Jesus with our mouths, believe in our hearts that God raised Jesus from the dead on the third day after His crucifixion, and call on His name, confessing and repenting of our sins. When this happens, by faith, we experience what Paul declared when he said, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come (2 Corinthians 5:17)”

Do you believe this?	Yes	No
Have you been born again?	Yes	No

The Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ

As prophesied in Isaiah 7:14 and declared in the New Testament (Matthew 1:18-22; Luke 1:26-38; 1 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 1 and 10), we understand that Jesus was born to a woman who had not had any sexual relations with a man, but was, rather, pregnant through the agency of the Holy Spirit; that Jesus was “begotten of the Father, conceived by the Holy Spirit (see the Apostle’s and the Nicene Creeds).”

Do you believe in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ? Yes No

The Humanity and Deity of Jesus Christ

Simply put, we understand Jesus Christ to be perfect in divinity and perfect in humanity. That, being of the same substance as God, and of the same substance as humanity, He is truly and perfectly God, and He is truly and perfectly man.

Do you believe that Jesus is fully divine and fully human? Yes No

The Doctrine of the Trinity

Although the Bible does not specifically use the word “trinity,” it does clearly indicate that there is one God Who exists eternally in three coequal persons as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is a divine mystery most clearly manifested in the self-disclosure of Jesus Who revealed the Father and poured forth the Holy Spirit.

Do you believe in the Doctrine of the Trinity? Yes No

The Inspiration of the Bible

The Old and New Testaments were inspired by God. They are the revelation of God to man and are the supreme and final authority in the practice of our faith and in daily living.

Do you believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God?	Yes	No
Do you accept it as the supreme and final authority in your faith and daily life?	Yes	No

Water Baptism

Water baptism symbolizes what we have experienced in truth as born again children of God. With immersion *into* the baptismal waters we declare that we are dead to sin. With our emergence *from* the baptismal waters we declare that we are alive to God in Christ Jesus and raised to newness of life in Him. Since water baptism is an outward expression of an inward spiritual reality, it is necessary that it be received intentionally and after one is born again. For this reason, it is sometimes referred to as *believer’s* baptism.

Have you been water baptized?	Yes	No
Was it a <i>believer’s</i> baptism?	Yes	No

Baptism in the Holy Spirit

The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is an experience that is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth. It was the normative experience in the early church and should be normative today. Jesus commanded His disciples to seek this experience for the endowment of power for life and service. The initial physical confirmation and provision of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is speaking in tongues.

Do you believe in the baptism in the Holy Spirit as delineated here?	Yes	No
Have you been baptized in the Holy Spirit?	Yes	No
If not, are you seeking the experience?	Yes	No

The Reality of Heaven and Hell

Heaven and Hell are literal places. Someday, there will be a bodily resurrection of the righteous and the unrighteous. Those who have received Christ as Savior will enjoy heaven and everlasting blessedness. Those who have not will remain in their sins and endure separation from God and eternal punishment.

Do you believe in a real Heaven and a real Hell? Yes No

Statement of Faith

1. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are inspired by God; that they are the revelation of God to man and are the supreme and final authority in both faith and practice. (II Timothy 3:16,17; II Peter 1:21)
2. We believe in one God, eternally self-existing in three persons: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matt. 28:19; Luke 3:22)
3. We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, begotten of the Father, conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary; that He is fully God and fully man. (Romans 1:4; Matthew 1:23; John 1:14; Colossians 2:9)
4. We believe man was created in the image of God; that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death which is separation from God; that all human beings are born with a sinful nature and are sinners in thought, word and deed. (Genesis 1:27; Romans 5:12-19)
5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins and has become our representative and substitutionary sacrifice; that He was bodily raised from the dead for our justification; that He is ascended into heaven as our High Priest and Advocate; that we are redeemed and born again as sons and daughters of God on the ground of our faith in the atonement provided by His shed blood; that the inward evidence of salvation is the direct witness of the Spirit and the outward evidence is a life of righteousness and true holiness before God and mankind. (Luke 24: 46-47; Romans 10:9; Romans 8:16; Titus 2:11-14)
6. We believe in the ordinance of baptism by immersion for all who repent and believe on Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; that we are declaring to the world our identification with Christ's death and our being raised to newness of life in Him. (Matthew 28:19; Acts 8:36-38; Romans 6:4)
7. We believe in the ordinance of the Lord's Supper consisting of the elements of bread and the fruit of the vine. It is the symbol expressing our sharing the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ; a memorial of His suffering and death; a prophesy of His second coming; and is enjoined on all believers "till He comes!" (I Corinthians 10:16, 17, 21; I Corinthians 11:26)
8. We believe in the Baptism in the Holy Spirit as the normal experience for all in the early church and for the church today; that we are commanded by our Lord Jesus Christ to seek this experience of endowment of power for life and service; that this experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth; that the initial physical confirmation and provision of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is speaking in tongues. (Acts 2:4; 38-39)
9. We believe that the manifestation of the gifts of the Spirit is operative in the church today; that these gifts are to be sought after and desired by believers in the Lord Jesus Christ for the edification of His Body. (I Corinthians 12:4-11)
10. We believe that divine healing is an integral part of the Gospel; that deliverance from sickness is provided for in the atonement and is the privilege of all believers. (Isaiah 53:4,5; Matthew 8:16-17; James 5:14-16)
11. We believe sanctification is an act of separation to God and is the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in our lives; that it produces the fruit of the Spirit in our lives; that it brings us under the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 6:1-14; Romans 12:1-2; II Timothy 2:19-21)
12. We believe that the Church is the Body of Christ and is made up of believers in Christ; that in its local manifestation, it is an autonomous assembly of believers. (Ephesians 1:22,23; Romans 12:5)
13. We believe that every believer in the Lord Jesus Christ is called to minister; that we are to build up the Body of Christ and to evangelize the world. (Romans 12:1, 4-8; Mark 16:15)
14. We believe in the rapture of the Church and the personal and imminent return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ; that there will be a bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust; that there will be an everlasting blessedness of those who have received Christ as Savior, and everlasting punishment of those who are separated from God and remain in their sins; that there will be a new heaven and earth. (II Thessalonians 1:7-9; I Thessalonians 4:16,17; Titus 2:13; I Corinthians 15:51,52; II Peter 3:13; Revelation 20:11-15; 21:1-4, 8)
The following statements are offered in order to provide insight as to where Smithtown Gospel Tabernacle stands concerning certain sinful practices that have become accepted and celebrated by our society. However, in articulating our strong stance against these ungodly behaviors, we also want to strongly assert that no person is beyond the reach of God's grace, mercy, forgiveness, and healing. Smithtown Gospel Tabernacle stands ready at all times to walk with any and all who desire to confess and turn from their sins and walk with Jesus in a new and living way.
15. We believe that life after the new birth mandates the pursuit of Christ-like living, extending even to personal sexual purity, and that marriage is a covenant relationship between one man and one woman and God's only provision for sexual fulfillment. Further, seeing that it is clear in Holy Scripture that homosexuality is an abomination in God's eyes, persons who struggle with same-sex attraction yet desiring to be in right standing before God must renounce homosexuality as an orientation and a lifestyle—agreeing that it is forbidden by God, repent of and abstain from all homosexual activity and endorsement—daily crucifying same-sex desire and attraction, and be prepared, if need be, to live life as one chosen by God to remain single. (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5; Mark 10:6-8; John 3:5-8; Romans 1:27; I Corinthians 6:9-10, 18-20; 7:2; II Corinthians 5:15-21; Colossians 3:5)
16. We believe that life begins at conception. Several scriptures speak of God's involvement with humans while yet in their mother's womb. Abortion kills the life that God has begun, destroying the child that God has created. Humans are created in the image of God, and each child is considered by God to be a heritage from the Lord and a reward from Him. (Genesis 1:27, Job 31:15, Psalm 22:10, Psalm 127:3-5, Psalm 139:13-16, Jeremiah 1:5)

I have read and agree with the SGT Statement of Faith. I will faithfully support the ministry of Smithtown Gospel Tabernacle with my presence, my prayers, my service and my finances as the Lord enables me.

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____